

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

CONFERENCE

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN BOB KEENAN**, on April 19, 1999 at
12:05 P.M., in Room 420 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Bob Keenan, Chairman (R)
Sen. Al Bishop (R)
Sen. Mike Halligan (D)
Rep. Betty Lou Kasten, Chairman (R)
Rep. Royal Johnson (R)
Rep. Jeff Mangan (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Susan Fox, Legislative Services
Joanne Gunderson, Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and
discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 127, 4/16/1999
Executive Action: HB 127

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HB 127

Sen. Bob Keenan called the conference committee on HB 127 to order.

Sen. Mike Halligan asked for an explanation of the Department of Public Health and Human Services position on the Senate amendments. **Mary Ann Wellbank** of the department responded by explaining that amendment 1 would restore language that complies with federal regulations. Amendment 2 related to administrative orders and amendment 3 dealt with fees collected by the department and the correlation with language in HB 2 pertinent to these fees. She described and explained to the committee other fees charged by the department and how they are collected.

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Rep. Mangan asked **Ms. Wellbank** to discuss a proposed amendment relating to these fees. **EXHIBIT**(cch85hb0127a01)

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Motion: **REP. JOHNSON** moved that **HB 127 BE AMENDED** Exhibit 1).

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Discussion:

Rep. Kasten resisted the amendment feeling it would disadvantage the department.

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Rep. Johnson described the history of the bill and ,his support of the amendment though he agreed with **Rep. Kasten's** analysis.

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Rep. Mangan supported the amendment believing it would be advantageous to the department.

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Rep. Johnson, Ms. Wellbank, Rep. Mangan and Sen. Halligan discussed the process of charging fees.

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Sen. Keenan and **Reps. Johnson, Mangan and Kasten** discussed how the House and Senate might respond to the bill with the amendment.

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Vote: Motion failed 3-3, Rep. Kasten, Sens. Keenan and Halligan voting no.

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Motion/Vote: Rep. Johnson moved THE COMMITTEE REPORT ON HB 127 BE ACCEPTED. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Vote: Rep. Johnson moved THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:35 P.M.

SEN. BOB KEENAN, Chairman

REP. BETTY LOU KASTEN

Joanne Gunderson, Secretary

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